

AN ENTERTAINMENT

What a former generation used to call the true Hartleian spirit was in full eruption on November 5th when Highfield Hall received one hundred and ninety guests, of whom it is gratifying to note that no less than sixty were members of Staff, their wives and friends.

If the supreme test of hospitality is that guests should feel thoroughly at home while their hosts are efficient but unobtrusive in all efforts to make them feel so, then here was hospitality indeed! Each of our Halls may justly claim to possess its distinctive atmosphere or aroma, but Highfield has bouquet. There is a subtle welcome in the very structure of the building, so planned that the arriving guest is plunged straightway from outer darkness into the bright midst of things. On Saturday this mute immediate welcome was underlined by the seasonable boughs of autumnal foliage, interspersed with symbolic animals—mice for maidenly reticence, lambs for sportive innocence, owls for wisdom and rabbits for maternal instinct—which led the way to where a Cock crowed welcome. This startling ikon, for the nonce, made us fear we had struck the wrong hall; and we proceeded to square the shoulders, shoot the cuffs and adopt the strained expression of alert wardens with which one greets Warden of the sterner sex. But there was no need for these unnecessary adjustments at Highfield; ease without laxity was the prevailing note helped by the gregarious zest of a dance floor so protectively crowded that even the shyest and least adept could strut and fret his hour without being conscious of critical eyes following his errant pumpos.

The band was excellent and untiring, and there were a number of outstanding dances—the whistie dance, the Lambeth Walk, and the Palais Glide. If these seem vieux jeu, it is only because they were not seen as performed in a congested area where it was difficult to make a leg without maiming a Professor. As my charming hostess and partner said when I hooked her in the scrums: "It is better to be happy than sophisticated."

There is an established tradition that Halls should provide a dramatic interlude, and herein Highfield staged a novelty. Behind a screen which obscured all but the nether limbs of the players, there was enacted a drama of Virtue looking for trouble, but in the end Rewarded—with twins. It was presented exclusively in the language of legs, an idiom which gave an unfair advantage

to those who had ample opportunity for study during the fashions of 1926 when some of us almost lost our memory for faces. And what an eloquent medium is the human leg! We saw displayed before us the whole gamut of Calloire—Allure, passion (pure and applied), seduction, and villainy; Culminating in what is sometimes fulsomely called connoisseur bliss. This last was the big scene for the talented feet which understudied Miss Heron. They rose to supreme heights of complex emotion as the toes curled their cynicism and wriggled their disillusionment. The silk stockings to which was entrusted the part of the poor but precariously honest nurse-maid were well cast and suitably filled. As soon as we saw those glamorous ankles we feared the worst. Mr. Moon's mounting boots, fresh from their triumphs in Peru, were making their first appearance on any English stage, and they left fragrant memories of the chivalry of Cops. The Satanic pointedness of the shoes-about-town should have been a warning to any nice-minded girl, and their language, if audible, would not have been tolerated even in the Restoration stage. Where do these ladies pick up all this misbehaviorist psychology? The caste was ably supported—or did ably support—sundry gents' trousers kindly lent by members of the audience—spare parts, bien entendu!

After the play a "Spot the Stars" Competition was won by Mr. Huyshe who, at an American University, would doubtless by majoring in Chiro-pody. The dancing was resumed with increasing temerity but the admirable road sense, while the prize for "the most frolicsome couple on the floor" was won with commendable abandon by Miss Fylenan and Dr. Berry.

It was a most happy and successful evening, and to one, at least, who has seen many Highfield receptions it recalled the intimate and kindly atmosphere of former days. The old building has gone but its spirit haunts the new.

The thanks of all guests are gratefully due to the Wardens and Students who so charmingly and thoughtfully entertained us. So, gentlemen, full bumpers and no heel-taps to Highfield!

Here's to the girls of the erudite frown
The girls with a wrinkle of knowledge,
Here's to the girls of the cap and the gown
I give you—the Girls of the College!
O. H.

Whither Democracy?

Events of the last few weeks have done much to make the question of "Whither Democracy?" a vital one of everyone of us, and those of the past week have done much to impress in our minds those thoughts and ideas which the past crisis raised. Last week marked the beginning of a new Parliamentary Session, and it was carried out with all the splendour and stateliness which the tradition of Parliamentary Government and Constitutional monarchy warrants. At such a time of political and religious persecution in many countries, who among us but does not feel proud that freedom and justice, law and order are still the heritage of the British people? But with our pride we mingle sorrow. November 11th reminded us twenty years after that even then democracy was on trial, and we of the post-war generation were able to realise as we never had done before the great sacrifice so many of our countrymen in the Commonwealth had made. But above all we were made to realise that once again democracy is not only condemned in many countries of the world, but that in the British Empire, especially in England, democracy is on trial.

If we are to hand on to the next generation, or even enjoy to the full ourselves, the heritage which has been handed down to us from our fathers, then we, like they, must be prepared to strive and to sacrifice. And if, in time of need, we are prepared to put the state, the embodiment of our traditions and the safeguard of our heritage, before all else, might it not be worth while to organise our resources now while we have leisure and opportunity?

But more important, are we sure that what we have to hand on is worth it? Economic depression and stagnation, derelict areas of unemployment and suffering, slum areas of untold dirt and misery. Are we sure that our slate is clean enough to be passed on? Would it not be worth while organising our resources and ourselves if by so doing we could help clear up some of the pot-holes in the present system?

It may be that, in setting ourselves the task of sifting and winnowing the good from the bad in one inheritance, we shall have set ourselves the more difficult problem, but the courage which helped to build it up should stand by us in trying to preserve it.

To-day Europe is a huge experimental station. The system which gave England first place in the nineteenth century seems unsuited to the needs of the twentieth, and many countries, while not yet sure of the best (Continued on page 4, column 3)



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Editorial.

During the past week of Remembrance, following closely on the crisis, we have been able for the first time to catch something of the full spirit of Armistice. We can realise more vividly what war in China and Spain, and persecution in Germany, Russia and Central Europe really mean. Now, as never before, we of the post-war generation can realise that the freedom and peace we enjoy as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations are something to thank God for.

But if peace and freedom are so precious they are worth striving for, and when we have them they are worth striving to keep. This week one leading article is concerned with the question whether democracy is not failing in its task of preserving liberty.

You may not agree with the writers' diagnosis of the situation, you may not agree with some of the remedies he suggests—but everyone of us owes it to himself and to his country to think seriously about these issues.

It is no part of the function of *Wessex News* to ally itself with any political or religious creed, but there is one fact of this problem of failing democracy which does seem of considerable importance to our Union and which should claim our serious attention. We are a small community run on democratic lines with elected officers, an elected Council, and elected committees to the various Union Clubs and Societies.

May it not be true that the interests of the Union are not best served by a chaos of Clubs and Societies all competing for support among a small public, none of them getting really overwhelming support, few of them ever achieving anything outstanding, and all of them putting so much work on to the shoulders of those who run them as to absorb energy and time which should rather be focussed on study. Planned democracy seems to be something which we in U.C.S. Students' Union would do well to consider.

CORRESPONDENCE

HIGHFIELD ENTERTAINMENT.

Dear Sir,

Was it Fate that decided that the moon should be full on the night of the Social at Highfield Hall?

Yours truly,

DOUBTFUL.

(The Editor is not quite sure either, but thinks it was probably a wangle.)

The New Refectory System

Now that the term has got well started on its course and our new comers have settled down, it seems possible to make a few observations on the re-organised Refectory System. Books of vouchers may seem to some of us old stagers to savour of red tape, but one thing is very evident and that is the popularity of the new buffet system over the old one. Varieties of taste and of capacity are now more adequately met, the rather absurd segregation of Halls and of sexes has in part been overcome, and Refectory is now a focus of College society, not only at Coffee, but at lunch.

Perhaps even more important than all else in view of future developments is the fact that lunches in Hall are taken only by a very small minority—not more than a dozen in Stoneham and Connaught. This enthusiasm for Refectory is all the more marked because of the conditions in which we eat, and should be of great help to the College authorities in pushing on the new building scheme which both they and we want.

Sayings of the Week

On Highfield Entertainment.

"And they were ashamed to show their faces."

President, J.C.R., S.S.H.

The President—or Precedent?

When he rang up Peter Symond's School and asked to speak with Mr. L. H. Moore, a soft voice at the other end embarrassed the Secretary by saying: "Is it a boy?"

The Literary Highbrow.

A freshman in South Stoneham House, on being told that the *Daily Mirror* was not among the daily newspapers taken by the Junior Common Room, heaved a sigh and regretted that he would no longer be able to follow the Popeye Serial.

"And he first beheld her smoking a whacking big cheroot."

O.T.C.

We have enjoyed dances given by Economists, Scientists, Engineers and Arts Students. This year, for the first time, we have seen what the Army can do in this direction. The fact that the dance was to be held at Connaught Hall was a good omen, and the programmes on our tickets prepared us for the excellent organisation, indications of which greeted us on our arrival, and prevailed throughout the evening.

Would that we might enlist the services of Sergeant Read as M.C. at all our dances. His flashing eye and stentorian voice compelled even the most hesitating to take the floor—some even sprang to attention before the band began to play.

And what a band! Had they got everything—except kinks! For sheer joie-de-vivre combined with gloriously danceable rhythm, give us Scotsmen every time. But, in spite of their noble efforts, things were rather slow before the interval, and it didn't help to have our partners nabbed to do duty on door and car-park. Nevertheless, our curiosity and hopes were aroused by the tantalising glimpses of flashing eyes, when, all too rarely, the closely guarded doors inscribed "Officers only" swung open.

A superb supper, and then as usual, spirits began to rise. After being thoroughly stirred up in an Excuse me dance, and still more exhilarated by the sparkling Quickstep that followed, we discarded all remaining inhibitions and let ourselves go in the carefree abandon of the Palais Glisse and Lambeth Walk. Nice to see our officers going East end! Will democracy triumph after all?

Perhaps the high-spot of the evening was a sprightly performance of the Petronella, in which we applauded an exhibition of the capers of the Staff in general and some in particular. Our knowledge of Scottish dancing is somewhat limited, but we have it on good authority that the leading lady in a flea circus is

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The Duchess of Atholl and Our Foreign Policy

The criticism of our Foreign Policy and particularly of the Munich Agreement made by the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., in her speech to a meeting of the British Universities League of Nations Society at College was peculiarly interesting in that it came from an M.P. who was a supporter of the Government.

Dr. Ford took the chair and in his opening address pointed out the need for independence of thought, particularly for students at a university. The Duchess began by remarking on the necessity for combining freedom of thought with a Party system (essential for stable governments) in Democratic countries.

Everyone must have felt some relief at the averting of war, but many had not even considered the price of peace. The Czechoslovakians consented to the dismemberment of their country on an understanding that a guarantee of independence should be given to their new State by the Munich powers and they also made some requests. These were not granted nor has her independence yet been guaranteed. She then commented on the terrible position of the Jews and Czechs after the German occupation and also on the perilous state of those Germans who had opposed Henlein. Little news now came from Sudetenland, but it suggested that what happened in Vienna after the invasion of Austria was now happening in Sudetenland.

The Munich Agreement had imposed economic losses on Czechoslovakia. Her people had lost vast resources of lignite, coal and much of their textile and chemical industries as well as damaged their transport system. They were now economically more dependent on Germany and still worse they were in the political orbit of Germany. It was a great spiritual tragedy that a people who saw more clearly than any other nation the horror of Nazi Germany should have to

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yield to Hitler. No increase, she said, had been made in the sum of human liberty by the break up of Czechoslovakia. The strategic loss was also vast, there was now no longer a great mountain barrier to Germany's advance towards the Rumanian oilfields and the Black Sea.

The policy of Mr. Chamberlain was not the only policy, there were other possibilities. On March 24th at the time of the recognition of Austria, Mr. Churchill's advice should have been followed of making a general declaration against any further expansion of Germany, France, Roumania, Russia and Czechoslovakia herself would have joined it. If this had been adopted, Henlein would not have made his new claims in April. If later, England had let the world know of her intention to fight if Czechoslovakia were asked to give away more than what was suggested by England, France would have been firm and Hitler would not have endorsed Henlein's at Nuremberg. Even at Munich we could have insisted on more time for the evacuation of Sudetenland by the Czechs, the other powers outside the Munich agreement were favourable.

The Duchess then discussed our future policy and said that (i) We should re-arm with speed and should strengthen our A.R.P. (ii) We should co-operate with the peace loving nations through the League and within its framework. Some special pacts are required because of the cumbersome of the League machinery. (iii) No colonies should be given to Nazi Germany because it would betray the welfare of the subject-races and because it would provide future naval and air bases for Germany. (iv) We should cease to give inadvertent help to General Franco. This was of great strategic importance for Spain controlled the Western side of the Mediterranean. The Anglo-Italian Agreement was bad because in effect it gave belligerent status to France as well as allowing the continuance of German and Italian help to him. She further emphasised the great help to the Spanish rebels of German methods of propaganda besides other help due to war materials.

Answering to questions after her address, the Duchess said she thought Mr. Chamberlain had little experience of foreign policy and did not realise the effect his words had in foreign countries, further he did not understand the character of Hitler or Mussolini. This she thought explained Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

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Athletic Union

The W.I.V.A.B. have chosen two U.C.S. students to take part in the Women's U.A.U. matches. There is a nutshell is the information; but in case the point has been missed, here it is in full. Miss O. Comben, captain of the Netball Club, has been chosen to play in Goal Defence for the W.I.V.A.B. Netball Team. With her in the team are representatives from the Universities of Birmingham, Leeds and Sheffield.

Miss D. A. Dade, captain of the Women's Hockey, has been chosen as reserve for the W.I.V.A.B. hockey team. It is particularly gratifying to find that we have such capable players amongst us. These selections alone are sufficient to show that the women's winter clubs are in a flourishing condition. But when one examines the record of the Women's Hockey Club, one is even still more convinced.

However, to pass to more dismal topics, at any rate as far as the Women's Boat Club is concerned. The race on Saturday freshers, a report of which appears elsewhere, was interesting and the result decisive. It is impossible to think of the race without remembering those famous lines: "Presumptuous maid! With looks intent, Again she stretched, again she bent, Nor knew the gulf between; Malignant Fate sat by and smiled. . . . But perhaps there will be a return match?"

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB. Under difficult conditions of wind and tide the Women's Boat Club IV rowed a tub race against a Freshman crew of the Men's Boat Club from the Oak to Golden Bridge, on Saturday. The men got away to a good start giving up two lengths almost immediately. Rowing quite well together, they gradually drew away from the Women, in whose boat there was little evidence of any leg-drive. Had they kept the stroke longer the women might have met with greater

success. As it was the Men's IV, rowing a little scrappily towards the end, won the race easily. The margin was approximately 10 lengths.

SOCCER CLUB.

Portsmouth C.S. 3. U.C.S. 3. U.C.S. fielded a still more weakened team; Pettit now going centre-half. This change in the defence was reflected in the fact that each Portsmouth goal was the result of a misunderstanding in the U.C.S. goalmouth.

The most notable feature of the first half was the swift storming of the Civil Service halves and forwards, baffling the U.C.S. marking. But this was counterbalanced by the stubborn refusal of Pettit and backs to let anybody get near enough for a really dangerous shot. Just before half time a confused U.C.S. goalkeeper saw the ball just flicked over his head to make the interval score 1-0 for Portsmouth.

Within ten minutes of the renewal of play, U.C.S. were bewildered to find themselves 3-0 down. It was here that the fine team spirit which Jack Hill had fostered began to assert itself, and for the last forty minutes of the game the Civil Service concentrated on keeping U.C.S. out. With a typical effort, Wallace dribbled round the defence and with a fine cross shot made the score 3-1. Within ten minutes S. White took the ball from the goalie's hand and walked it in the net. A now almost panicky Portsmouth defence had to stand and watch a smashing centre by Wallace pushed straight in by Counsel from the right wing. A ding-dong struggle was kept up for the last few minutes and after a really clean and enjoyable match the final result was 3-3.

RUGBY.

School practice, injured list of unprecedented size and a lack of enthusiasm which is always noticeable in a certain proportion of students, have reduced the Rugby Club to such a state that it has become difficult to field even one team. It is therefore not surprising that the standard of play has decreased enormously so that our victory over New Milton on Saturday was quite a creditable performance, no fewer than nine 1st XV players being unable to play on this occasion.

U.C.S. soon went ahead through a try by Darbyshire, converted by Roberts but two unconverted tries gave New Milton an interval lead of 6-5. College rallied in the second half when Darbyshire scored another try, also converted by Roberts. Hunt kicked a penalty goal but the team was then disorganised by an injury to Griffiths, who was carried off with a sprained ankle. New Milton then scored two more unconverted tries but stern defence earned U.C.S. their first victory of the season.

Result : U.C.S. 13, New Milton 12
Other results :—
Wed. Nov. 2.
R.A.F. Calshot 16. U.C.S. 3.
Sat. Nov. 5th.
U.C.S. 0. King Alfred's C. 24.
Wed. Nov. 9th.
U.C.S. 0. R.A.F. Lee-on-Solent 30.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

U.C.S. 4. Southsea 0.
The greater part of play was centered well inside the Southsea half of the field, but in spite of this the forwards did not make the best use of the passes given them, there was little or no combination, and far too many opportunities of scoring were thrown away, especially from the right wing. The match is best summed up as scrappy and disappointing.

U.C.S. 6. Newport Vics. 5.
Playing three reserves College found themselves up against a team definitely superior in speed and in combination. The home forwards were, by comparison extremely slow and content with spasmodic individual rushes which were easily frustrated. The inside forwards in particular hung back too far and muddled the halves, thereby upsetting the combination of the defence, and as a result half-time found the visitors leading 4-1. On resuming the standard of play by the home side improved considerably and five goals were scored giving College a narrow victory.

Finally before the team can hope to achieve really good results it must learn to pass more, to pass accurately, to draw the opposing defence and to anticipate the run of play.

U.C.S. 'A' 13. South Hants 3.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

U.C.S. 0. Bristol 10.
In Painful Memory of an Inglorious Defeat.

We thought at last we had a team, but things aren't always what they seem. Bristol beat us ten to nothing. Providing food for further thought.

The main factors contributing towards Bristol's victory were their superior speed, long passing and accurate shooting. Despite the huge score, however, College had a fair proportion of the play and were able to keep Bristol occupied throughout the game. College began well by attacking and reached Bristol's circle, but no one could hit a winning shot. After about a quarter of an hour Bristol broke away and scored their first goal. More goals followed and at half-time the score stood at 0-4. In the second half Bristol became more aggressive but College made frequent excursions into Bristol's half and towards the end looked like scoring from a short corner, but alas it was not to be. Bristol got the ball away and scored once again.

Other results :
U.C.S. v. Andover, 5-3.
U.C.S. v. A.G.W.I., 5-3.
U.C.S. v. King Alfred's, 5-3.
U.C.S. 2nd XI v. Taunton's, 3-4.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

On Saturday, November 5th the Club ran against Eastleigh A.C. and Calshot R.A.F. at Eastleigh. The team found the course very hard going but gave Calshot a very close run. Again Pirrie was first in the team, doing the 6½ mile course in 39½ mins. Result : Eastleigh A.C. 22 and 89; Calshot 93; U.C.S. 96.

The team was away again to Goldsmith's on the 12th, but was at a great disadvantage in losing Moore and Pirrie. The course was mainly along roads and two of the team lost their way. The redeeming feature of the day was the run of Hodgkinson who finished 2nd. Result : Goldsmith's 27; U.C.S. 81.

FENCING CLUB.

Portsmouth Foil and Sabre Club 5 U.C.S. 4.
Very unfavourable conditions of piste and lighting, with other factors were responsible for making this a very unsuccessful contest. The defeat was a narrow one, since U.C.S. appeared the superior team. We look forward to a more decisive return match. Foil : R.A.F. Gosport 6. U.C.S. 3. Epee : R.A.F. 8. U.C.S. 1. Sabre : R.A.F. 8. U.C.S. 1.
U.C.S. proved easy victims for fencers of much superior technique, and we were shown, disastrously for us, that fencing is as much a matter of theory, practice and polish as of point-scoring. Set attacks and defences should be learned and used, and "demonstration" passes would be useful.

NETBALL CLUB.

Winchester C.H.S. 18. U.C.S. 9.
Grammar School 18. U.C.S. 12.
Neither of these two matches was such a crushing defeat as the score indicates. At half-time College was only two down against Winchester County High School, and against the Grammar School, the score was ten all during the course of the second half. That proves that the College team can hold its own, and every member played really hard right to the end the results would undoubtedly be better.

These last minute losses are largely due to bad passing which becomes wilder as the game gets harder and faster, especially towards the end of the match.

London School of Medicine 32, U.C.S. 20.

This match is not easy to criticise as it was played on a very small court. College had difficulty in adapting themselves to the new conditions and the game was very ragged. The wet surface and slippery ball made matters worse. In spite of some good work, such as the free shot by our

shooter, the team as a whole and especially the centre players, could have done better.

Student Forum Ballot

Not much correspondence was forthcoming on the topics raised in last week's issue—but the Student Forum Ballot provided an easier mode of comment on the present International Situation. We print here the questions on the Ballot Form, and beneath, the numbers who voted for each question :

FIRST QUESTION.
Following Munich, observers are generally agreed that three courses are now open to Britain :

- To align itself with France the U.S.S.R. and the smaller European states, with the possible support of the U.S.A. in a collective pact within the framework of the League of Nations. Such a pact would be open to all countries to join.
- To participate in a "Four-Power Pact" between Germany, Italy, France and Britain.
- Withdrawal from all European commitments, accompanied by an intensive re-armament programme for Imperial defence.

Which do you think is the best course?

SECOND QUESTION
There is considerable difference of opinion as to the effects of the Munich agreement on Britain's vital interests.

Do you believe that after the Munich agreement the threat to Britain's vital interests is greater or less than before?

83 voted, but there was one spoil paper.

QUESTION 1.
A. 54
B. 15
C. 8
Doubtful 5

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QUESTION 2.
Less 6
Greater 60
Doubtful 16

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Southampton Eilm Society

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MISS M. A. BREWER,
E. J. W. UNDERHILL.

On Newspapers

Last week the Junior Common Room at South Stoneham House decided to hold a ballot to discover what were the most popular newspapers and periodicals, in order that Common Room Funds should be applied in the most advantageous way.

Seven newspapers were placed in the list and each person was given four votes. The result was a runaway victory for the *News-Chronicle* with 37 votes, with the *Times* a close second with 33, and the *Express* and *Telegraph* and *Morning Post* almost neck and neck with 31 and 30 votes respectively. The *Manchester Guardian* with 27 votes showed good staying power, so far from its native air, and the *Mirror* and *Daily Herald* also ran—gaining 23 and 21 votes respectively.

The *Listener*, *Times Educational Supplement* and *Radio Times* are already taken, and in the ballot to add one more, *Punch* led the field all the way with 27 votes, and *Picture Post* was a bad second with 13 votes.

INTUS FERVET CARITAS.

The Editor Requests—

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2. That even when a non-deplume is used, the proper name of the writer should also accompany contributions, and letters.

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O.T.C.—Continued.

invariably graced by the name of "Petronella." At last we see the light!

Time passed all too quickly, and the extra quarter of an hour at the end was greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all those responsible for such PUKKA entertainment.

The Students' Union

Last session the Students' Council was criticised for being out of touch with the main body of students. Considerable feeling was evinced that the co-operation between the executive, responsible body, and the Union, was not as close as it could have been; the opinions and views of the College authorities on Student affairs were not disseminated widely enough on the one hand, and on the other, the opinions and feelings of the students in general were not sufficiently appreciated by the Students' Council. This is the criticism that was made; there was some truth in it. Such a state of affairs must not be allowed to develop this year. There is little doubt that the present Session will be a critical one in the history of the College, and it is therefore imperative that each student must appreciate and accept his or her own individual responsibility to College. The good name, the position and prestige of College is dependent finally on the men and women who go down from College. In the best sense of the word, they are the shop-window of College; a student who goes down with the conviction that he has gained something of value from Southampton, which he could not have gained elsewhere, is the best and truest advertisement for College. His influence is incalculable. If this is not the conviction of every student who goes down, to what is it not so? The potentialities of U.C.S. of adding to the first rank of modern universities are excellent. What is, appears to be very different from what might be. Why?

The Students' Council views with gravity the inescapable fact that these potentialities are not being translated into actualities in the way which was envisaged, and the Council is extremely anxious to discover the roots of this problem, and to do all in its power to make U.C.S. the university institution that it can become. This problem is therefore urgently brought to the notice of every member of the Students' Union for his and her deep consideration. The matter must not be allowed to rest there; S.C. is very desirous of receiving the opinions, criticism and suggestions of students on this problem.

I therefore request all members of the Union to discuss this problem with their representatives on S.C. or to write a letter containing their opinions to the Secretary of the Union. The Students' Council is very alive to its responsibility to the Union in matters of student interest and importance, and every piece of constructive criticism and suggestion in this matter, and on all matters of Union policy, will be very welcome.

L. H. MOORE,
President.

Geographical Society

Last Friday's meeting of the Geographical Society was one of special interest, being the occasion of a lecture given jointly by Mr. F. H. W. Green and some students of geography. The subject of this lecture was the research work carried out by them last summer in Poole Harbour, at the invitation of the Poole Harbour Board. The aim of the research was to find out the nature of the process resulting in the silting up of certain parts of Poole Harbour. After two and a half months' intensive field and laboratory work a report was drawn up and sent to the Poole Harbour Board. The time available was insufficient to complete the investigations, but the report met with the Board's full approval; it is to the credit of Mr. Green and his assistants that their work is considered by the harbour authorities to compare favourably with the results of similar but much more costly investigations carried out on previous occasions; moreover, it is significant that the Department of Geography has been invited to continue its researches in Poole Harbour. Above all it is gratifying to see that the practical use of that often despised 'cape-and-bay' science, geography, has gained more than mere recognition.

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(Continued from page 1, col. 3.) alternative have thrown democracy on to the scrapheap. In Russia a planned economy on collectivist lives has been set up and has just successfully finished its second Five-Year Plan, while Germany and Italy have organised themselves on totalitarian lines—a capitalist plan rather than a collectivist one.

All these experiments agree in one thing, namely that unrestricted individualism is not in the best interests of the state, and in solving our own problems we shall do well to take the results of these other experiments into account.

Individualism has been the keynote of our growth as a nation, and Empire, and to attempt to harness it may at first sight seem an impossible task. But even in the last century, the great period of *laissez-faire*, collectivist ideas were creeping in and towards the end of the century were making rapid progress.

If we are now no longer afraid of but rather anxious for greater organisation and planning in our economic system, why should we be reluctant to organise our political organisation as well, trying to eliminate the waste inevitable in a system of competition in which the survival of the fittest, one of the unwritten laws of the jungle, is the rule.

"Whither Democracy?"—or perhaps more correctly: "Whither Britain?" is not an empty phrase, but a vital question for each of us who claims the name of Britain.

What is Capitalism?

Dr. Quinn spoke on the above subject to the first of a series of Study Group Meetings organised by the Socialist Society. He showed how, under feudalism, surpluses accumulated by merchants were used for further accumulation by their application in agriculture and later manufacture. This progressive movement in the first places served to disrupt the rigid hierarchy of feudalism on the economic front, at the same time as it meant the growth of a body of men who regarded as pernicious the vast structure of feudal restriction. This group gradually made their way to the theory of *laissez-faire*, while their growing strength finally ensured that this theory could be implemented. Thus were established the conditions for the full blossoming of capitalist enterprise.

The *laissez-faire* theorists maintained that it was in pursuit of his own economic advantage that the individual (and this meant also the individual capitalist) would increase the general well-being, since in competing with others, he would help to lower prices and possibly also improve the quality of goods. Pursuit of profit built up modern large scale capitalist industry, in which one section advances the plant, raw material, etc., and the other section advances its labour. The latter is paid out of estimated earnings, and naturally there is conflict between the two as to the share obtained by each. In a period such as the latter half of the last century, when capitalist advance was rapid, it might appear for some time that there was no necessary conflict of interest, as the owning section could afford to improve working conditions and wages. As, however, this period of liberalising tendencies gave way before the reassertion of restrictive tendencies such as monopoly, tariffs and marketing schemes, as, that is to say, the capitalist's search for profit in the present century was best served by such restrictions, the opportunity for the working class to benefit became no longer open. To go further than this would mean opening the subject of the next discussion, "What is Socialism?"

An Appeal

It is not only those who strut the stage and utter other's words who make the play. There is an audience who need to be welcomed, and above all, sold things. Will all those who would assist in making the Stage Society show a real success, please communicate with the secretary of the Stage Society at once.

BRAVO!

D. R. Pearce, last year's Junior Treasurer, has been listed 5th in the recent examination for Assistant Income-Tax Inspector. Congratulations.

Calendar.

Tuesday, November 15th.
C.U. Bible Study in Room 35. at 1.20 p.m.
English Association: Meeting at University College at 5.30.
Lecture by the Rev. H. C. S. Morris, M.A., sometime Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Toronto: WILLIAM MORRIS.
Thursday, November 17th.
C.U. Missionary Study at 1.20 p.m.
Friday, 18th November.
Biological Society at 5.15 p.m.
Saturday, November 19th.
Connaught Hall Entertainment. Socialist Society. Discussion Circle: "What is Socialism?" at 11.30 a.m.
Sunday, November 20th.
Collegiate Service—St. Mary's, South Stoneham. Preacher: Rev. R. E. Parsons, Director of Religious Education for the National Society.
Tuesday, November 22nd.
C.U. Bible Study at 1.20 p.m.
Thursday, November 24th.
C.U. Missionary Study at 1.20 p.m.
Friday, November 25th.
Stage Society. "MR. PM PASSES BY" in the Assembly Hall at 8.0 p.m.
Geographical Society at 5.15
Saturday, November 26th.
Stage Society. "MR. PM PASSES BY." 8 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.
Sunday, November 27th.
Collegiate Service, St. Mary's, South Stoneham. Preacher: Rev. H. T. Bennett, Vicar of St. Albans, Southampton.

Chess Club

On Wednesday, November 2nd, the College 'A' team scored a smashing victory over Taunton's School. Our opponents' errors and good play by College resulted in wins on all boards and since the match counted for two leagues the result was 11-0. This is an unprecedented performance in the history of the club. A weakened 'B' team succumbed to the strongest opponents they have yet met, but by good play one board was won.

Last week saw the return of Common Room Consultation Chess, games which bear out the adage, "The onlooker sees more than the player."

A Correspondence Consultation match with Leeds University is being arranged. Will all interested see the secretary. Also the possibilities of a match against the staff are being explored, and it is hoped that all will help to make this a success.

This week's fixtures are:
College 'A' v. The Rooks.
(On Wednesday).
College 'B' v. Old T's.
(On Wednesday).
Both matches at College.

K. M. R.

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